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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Arthur E. Brown

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For: SUSPENSION SYSTEM FOR FILE
FOLDERS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES
REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 8, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-21 and add the following new claims:

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22. (New) A hanging file system, comprising:
first and second cross-support members disposed in a spaced arrangement
along a length of a file enclosure; and
a file supporting pocket disposed between and supported by said first and
second cross-support members for accommodating file folders and the like;
wherein said file supporting pocket comprises a plurality of adjacent, spaced
segments of material, with openings between said adjacent segments, each of said
material segments having a first end supported by said first cross-support member and a